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Sl. No.	Name of the High Courts	Civil	Criminal	Total (As on 30-6-98)
1.	Allahabad(*)	724530	140925	865455
2.	Andhra Pradesh	133964	6723	140687
3.	Bombay(@)	220370	19523	239893
4.	Calcutta	253872	31970	285842
5.	Delhi	152183	12222	164405
6.	Gauhati(@)	29802	4403	34205
7.	Gujarat	106288	15644	121932
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11601	2497	14098
9.	J & K	94014	3651	97665
10.	Karnataka	100303	4762	105065
11.	Kerala	260924	9706	270630
12.	Madhya Pradesh	54607	34117	88724
13.	Madras	312281	24352	336633
14.	Orissa(@)	82278	7010	89288
15.	Patna	65939	13543	79482
16.	Punjab & Haryana	142031	24293	166324
17.	Rajasthan	81137	18072	99209
18.	Sikkim	421	16	437
		2826545	373429	3199974

(*) As on 31st December, 1996
(@) As on 31st March, 1998

Supreme Court	No. of cases pending		
	Civil	Criminal	Total
As on 1.5.98	16167	3394	19561

Implementation of Electoral Reforms

1042. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Comission has submitted its report to Government suggesting radical electoral reforms;

(b) if so, the details of major recommendation made and implications thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of the Government, Election Commission and major National/Regional Political Parties to these recommendations; and

(d) the details of time schedule worked out for finalisation and implementation of the Electoral Reforms?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Short Term Measure for meeting Demand of Power

1043. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has in the recent past reviewed the power situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the findings including the reasons of shortage of power;

(c) the state-wise power demand and supply status in the country; and

(d) the details of short term measures Government have taken including import of power and the results likely to be achieved in next two years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The actual power supply position during April-Oct., 1997 and April-Oct., 1998 in the Country is as per details given below:—

	April-Oct., 1997	April-Oct., 1998
Requirement	245159	253653
Availability	223068	240115
Shortage	22091	13538
Percentage	9.0	5.3

It may be seen from above that energy shortage has reduced from 9.0% during April-Oct., 1997 to 5.3% during April-Oct., 1998.

The shortage of power has, however, been persisting due to higher growth in demand in comparison to increases in availability.

(c) State-wise power supply position during April-Oct., 1998 is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(d) A capacity addition of 40245 MW has been envisaged by Planning Commission during 9th Plan (1997-2002). Even if the above capacity addition is achieved, there would be peaking and energy deficit of 11.6% and 1.4% respectively by end of 9th Plan (2001-02).

In order to make optimal use of available power resources in the country in the short term and to improve the overall availability of power generation capacity in the country, following measures have been taken:

— Promotion of regional integrated operation & encouraging inter-state and inter-regional power transfers,

— Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) of existing old generating stations,

— Coordinated operation of hydro/thermal/nuclear and gas turbine power stations in the regional power system,

— Flattening of load curve by staggering of weekly off of industrial consumers and regulation of power supply to agricultural consumers through grouping restrictions,

— Promotion of measures for Demand side management and energy conservation,

— Augmentation of transmission and transformation capability in the power system,

— Reduction of transmission and distribution losses, and

— Encouragement to private sector for investment in generation and transmission.

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(All figures in MU net)

Actual Power Supply Position

Region/State System	April, 98—October, 98			
	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%
Northern Region				
Chandigarh	633	630	3	0.5
Delhi	10160	9935	225	2.2
Haryana	8495	8275	220	2.6
H.P.	1689	1687	2	0.1
J&K	3034	2988	46	1.5
Punjab	16364	15876	488	3.0
Rajasthan	12430	12145	285	2.3
U.P.	24395	22276	2119	8.7
N.R.	77200	73812	3388	4.4
Western Region				
Gujarat	25249	24065	1184	4.7
M.P.	18378	17945	433	2.4
Maharashtra	36834	35913	921	2.5
Goa	868	842	26	3.0
WR	81329	78765	2564	3.2
Southern Region				
A.P.	23349	21221	2128	9.1
Karnataka	14330	12180	2150	15.0
Kerala	7043	6336	707	10.0
Tamilnadu	22057	19295	2762	12.6
SR	66779	59032	7747	11.6
Eastern Region				
Bihar	5050	4585	465	9.2
D.V.C.	4660	4867	−207	−4.4
Orissa	6070	6271	−201	−3.3
West Bengal	9653	9957	−304	−3.1
ER	25433	25680	−247	−1.0
North-Eastern Region				
Arunachal Pradesh	76.0	65.6	10.4	13.7
Assam	1747.7	1679.4	68.3	3.9
Manipur	289.0	287.0	2.0	0.7
Meghalaya	236.0	254.1	18.1	7.7
Mizoram	122.9	112.5	10.4	8.5
Nagaland	117.7	110.1	7.6	6.5
Tripura	322.7	317.3	5.4	1.7
NER	2912.0	2826.0	86.0	3.0
All India	253653	240115	13538	5.3